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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Chiklis et al.

Examiner: Hankyel Park

Serial No.: 09/981,506

Art Unit: 1648

Filed: October 17, 2001

Title: Nucleic Acid Amplification Controls

**Request for Continued Examination**

**Amendment and Response**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003, Applicants herewith file a request for continued examination and respond as follows.

Please note a new Power of Attorney is enclosed.

Amendments to the claims are presented on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks are presented on page 12.